



I-710 Gateways Major Corridor Study Update

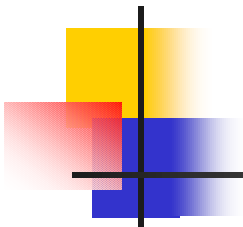
Presentation to:

The California Transportation Commission

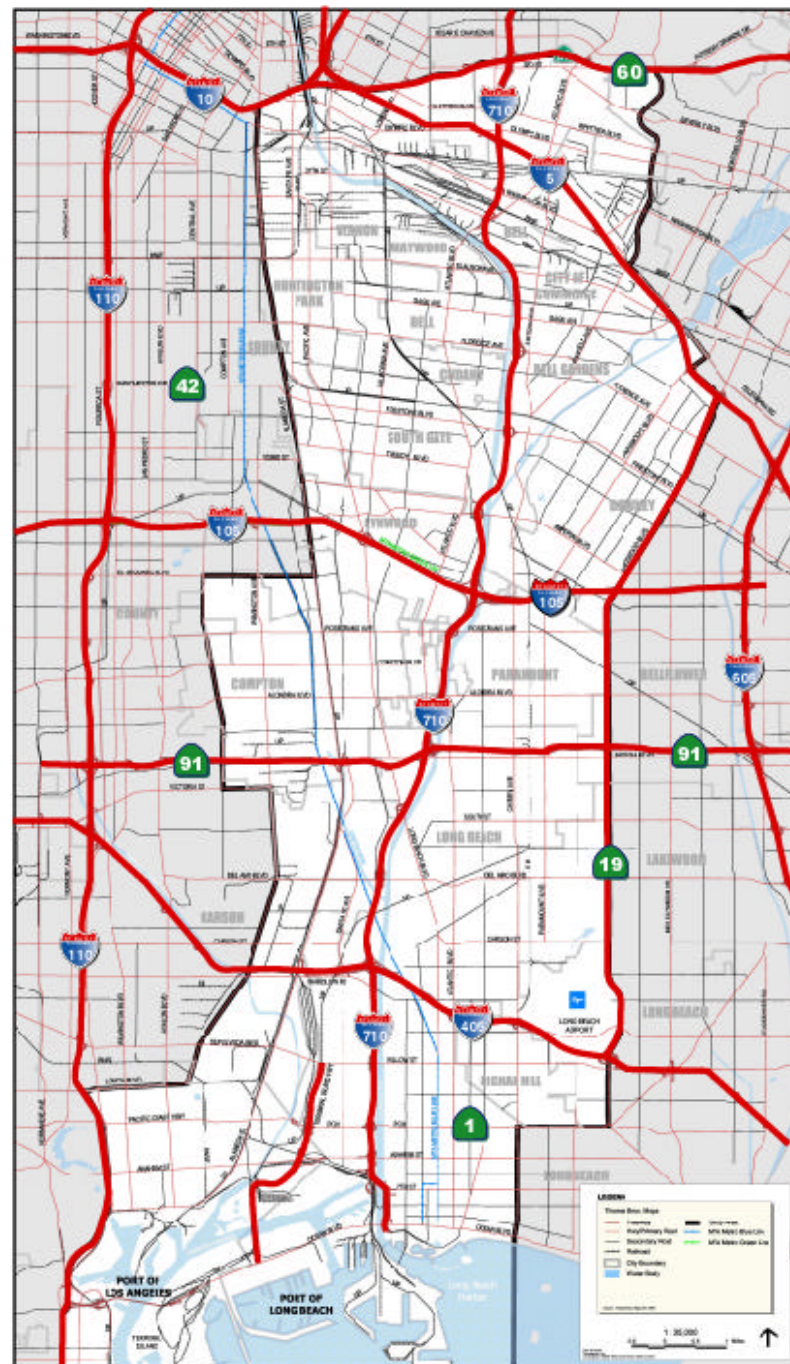
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I-710 Corridor Study Area





Background

- 1999: The 27 cities of Southeast Los Angeles County identify the I-710 Freeway (18 miles from the ports to the SR-60 Freeway) as a major problem in the region.
- Why?
 - Congestion.
 - Air quality/public health concerns.
 - Safety.
 - Growth of truck traffic:
 - 34,000 trucks per day currently leave the ports
 - 91,000 trucks per day will leave the ports by 2025
 - Antiquated Freeway design.

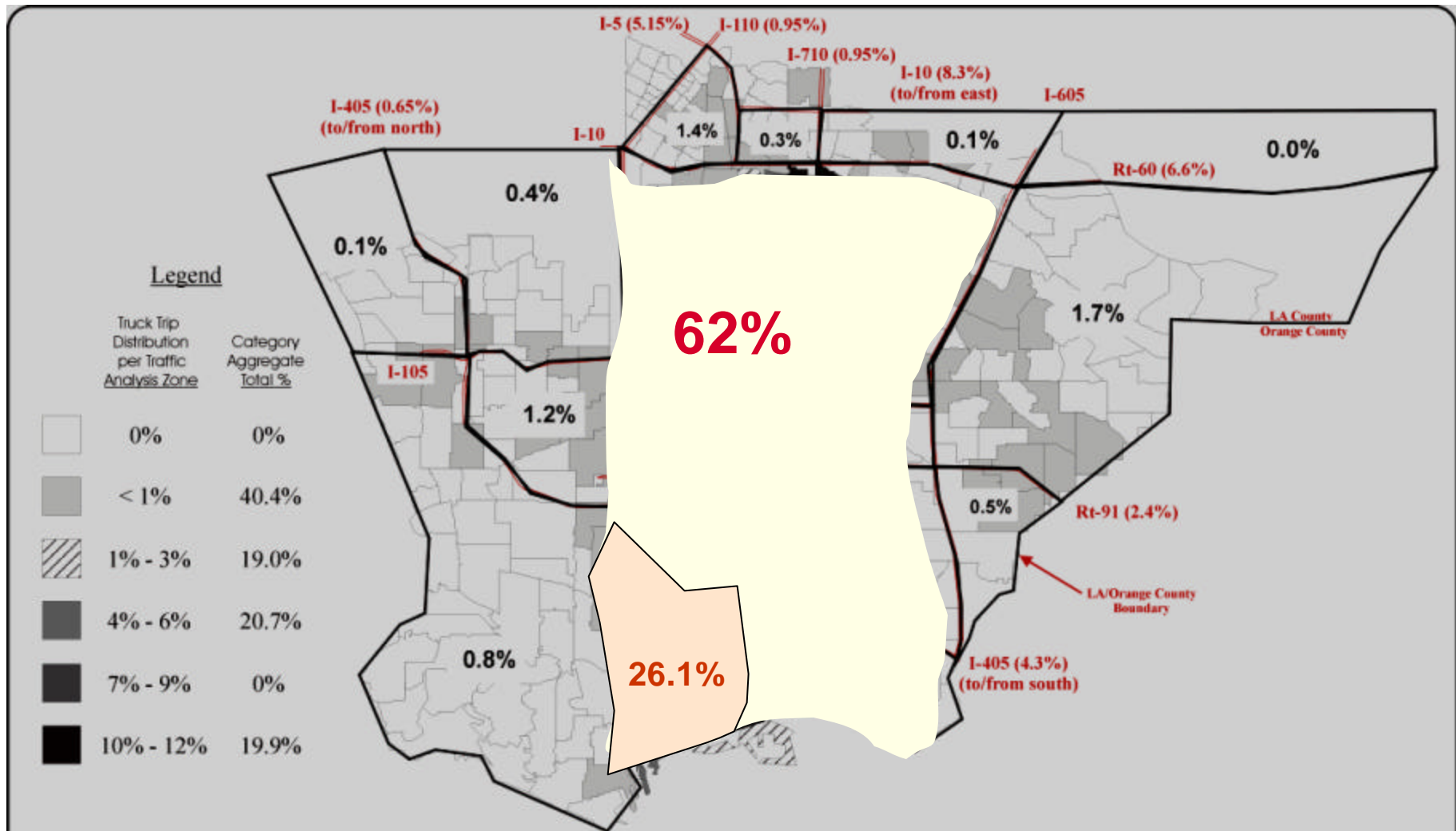


Where do the Trucks Go?

- 75% of cargo leaves the ports by truck.
- 60% of those trucks are destined for Gateway Cities Area.
- Majority of the trucks use I-710.



Truck Trip Destination Survey Results





I-710 Major Corridor Study

- Scope:
 - Develop multi-modal, timely and cost-effective transportation solutions.
 - Preserve and enhance the quality of life of neighborhoods and communities in the I-710 corridor.
- Funding partners:
 - Caltrans
 - Gateway Cities Council of Governments
 - MTA
 - SCAG



I-710 Oversight Policy Committee

- Formed to provide policy guidance and recommendations on findings of the study.
- Comprised of :
 - Elected officials from 14 corridor cities and the County of Los Angeles.
 - Caltrans
 - MTA
 - Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles
 - SCAG



I-710 Major Corridor Study

- February, 2002:
 - Adoption of 12 Alternatives to improve I-710 freeway
 - Reduced to 5 Alternatives for more detailed evaluation.

- March/April, 2003:
 - Alternatives presented to the public at open houses.
 - None of the major build alternatives was satisfactory to the public.
 - New direction from OPC: Develop a "hybrid" from proposed Alternatives.



I-710 OPC Guiding Principles

- Minimize right-of-way acquisitions.
- Minimize exposure to diesel emissions and encourage use of alternative fuels.
- Improve safety with enhanced truck safety inspection facilities, reduced truck/car conflict and improved roadway design.
- Relieve congestion and reduce intrusion of traffic into communities and neighborhoods.
- Improve public participation in the development and consideration of alternatives.



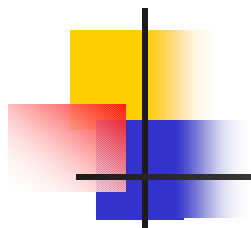
Preliminary Schedule

- Complete Major Corridor Study by April/May, 2004
- Begin Environmental Studies during 2004
- Complete Environment Studies by 2006/07
- Design – Begin 2007/08
- Right-of-way Acquisition – Begin 2009
- Begin Construction - 2012



Conclusion: A New Paradigm

- “Right-Sizing” Infrastructure Needs: not building more than necessary.
- Systems approach:
 - Operational improvements at the ports.
 - Technology-based system management and logistics strategies.
 - ACTA: Optimizing use of rail facilities.
- “Holistic” philosophy: transportation investment to:
 - Support economic growth and jobs creation, yes, but also...
 - Improve public health and safety.
 - Create safe and healthy communities.
- Genuine public involvement & community engagement.



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